

Remarks

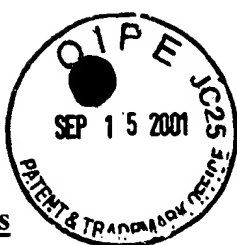
The specification has been amended to provide reference to related applications. No new matter has been added by this amendment. A marked-up version of the paragraph appears in Appendix A.

Sequence Rules Compliance

The Office has objected to the specification as not complying with the sequence listing rules. Applicants traverse this objection and respectfully submit that the rejection is improper. A sequence listing is not required for the following reasons:

1. No claims are presented directed to nucleic acid sequences; and
2. 37CFR 1.821 - 1.825 as amended and published as Final Rules in the Official Gazette, February 20, 2001, vol. 1243/No.3/Book 1 of 2, pp.241-257 mandate that these sections "are not mandatory" (p.242, right column, last full paragraph) for applications that claim the benefit of a prior application under 35 U.S.C. 120 filed before July 1, 1998, and which do not add subject matter involving a sequence listing subject to 1.821-1.825 (*id.*, left column, Applicability Date).

This application claims priority to and is a continuation application of Ser. No. 09/245,939, filed Feb. 5, 1999, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/850,171, filed on May 2, 1997. Therefore, a sequence listing is not required for this application. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the requirement.



The Drawings

Substitute Drawing sheets are enclosed. Applicants believe that the Substitute Drawings comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84.

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APPENDIX A

Marked-up Version to Show Changes Made to the Specification

This is a continuation of application U.S. Ser. No. 09/245,939, filed Feb. 5, 1999,
which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/850,171, filed May 2, 1997, now
abandoned.